

KANEGASAKI SISTER CITY COMMITTEE
BUSINESS MEETING MINUTES
December 7th, 2009
4:30 PM Senior Center Alice Dowd Lounge

Members Present: Byron Koh, Florence Boynton, Denise Boyd, Kathy Woods Masalski, Jule Dupre, Stephanie Joyce, Amy Springer, Aaron Kropf, Nancy Pagano

Others: Aaron Hayden, (Select Board Liaison), Cheyanne Smith, Alex Chen and Brianna Cauerin

Members Absent: Helen MacMellon, Bill Hutchinson

Minutes of November 3rd, 2009: Approved as read

Treasurer's Report: Florence reported that there still is \$1455.63 in the KSCC account at Town Hall.

KSCC "Young Ambassadors" Club:

Cheyanne Smith, Alex Chen and Brianna Cauerin, students in the Amherst Middle School, presented to the KSCC their interest in forming a club to focus on Japanese anime, language and culture. Jule Dupre agreed to be a liaison for this club to the KSCC. To be successful in their endeavor, they were advised

- to choose an official club name,
- to elect a chairperson & secretary & any other officers they may need,
- to write up a brief statement explaining the purpose of the club,
- to make a list of what they would like to do as a club.

Election of Secretary and Chair: After Nancy's eight years as secretary and Byron's eight years as chair, they would like to hand their responsibilities over to other members. Byron is willing to be the secretary, unless someone else would like the position.

Kathy Woods Masalski agreed to act as interim chair of the committee, and, as such, will convene on January 11th, at 4 PM, a subcommittee meeting (members include Kathy, Amy Springer, and Nancy Pagano) to review documents related to the history of the committee and to begin work updating the committee's mission statement. Aaron Kropf will send Kathy a copy of the document that defines the agreement between Kanegasaki and Amherst schools; Aaron Hayden will provide a copy of the agreement between the two towns (signed by the Select Board), and Kathy will ask Bonnie Isman for a copy of the agreement between the libraries of the towns.

KSCC BROCHURE

Jule Dupre presented some initial designs for one of the potential brochures and will bring various variations on a theme to the next meeting. Different versions would be useful to attract parents of students who visited Japan in the past, host family parents, town officials and ex-members of the KSCC. Fundraising and general involvement are the goals.

ADJOURNMENT The meeting ended at about 6 PM. The date of the next meeting will be Monday, January 19th, at 4:30 PM

Respectfully submitted, Nancy Hirsh Pagano, Secretary/Liaison